

Guidance News for February 2010

Seniors – Students who are on track to complete a Core 40, Technical Honors, or Academic Honors diploma this year have received a diploma verification form. These forms **must** be signed and returned to Mrs. Toon in the guidance office by **February 1**. We need the signed form to verify your diploma track with the state in order for you to be eligible for state grants and scholarships. Please make sure to return the form in a timely manner. An additional copy may be downloaded at the link below. In addition, each family is responsible for filing the FAFSA form by the **March 10** deadline.

<http://www.in.gov/ssaci/files/2010-11-CHIPSVerificationForm.pdf>

SHS Financial Aid Night

The Counseling Department will host a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the high school auditorium. A college financial aid representative will present information about various financial aid programs, the application process, and important application deadlines. All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend this meeting!

Shelby County FAFSA Completion Workshop

The National Center for College Costs representatives will be in the SHS computer labs on February 16 from 9AM-7PM to assist seniors and their parents in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. We strongly encourage those who are seeking help completing the FAFSA to attend.

College Goal Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:00pm

Ivy Tech Community College, 4475 Central Ave., Columbus, IN

Attending College Goal Sunday is another opportunity to receive free assistance filling out your financial aid application. For more information and other locations, visit: <http://www.collegegoalsunday.org/>.

Blue River Career Programs Open House, College Fair, and Financial Aid Workshop

The students and staff of Blue River Career Programs invite you to join them for a free chili supper on Monday evening, February 8, as part of our celebration of National Career and Technical Education Week. Serving to the public will begin at 5:00 PM and continue until 7:00 PM or until the chili runs out, whichever comes first. Drinks and cookies will be provided as well.

College representatives from several post-secondary institutions will be on hand to talk with you and your student about options and opportunities following high school. Additionally, a college representative will be present conducting a FAFSA workshop for students and parents to apply for financial aid.

SHS Programs & Activities Fair

After the 8th grade information night on Wednesday, February 10, we will be having an SHS Fair for all students in grades 8-11 and their parents. You will have the opportunity to attend a variety of sessions covering topics such as the AP and dual credit options, specialized programs, athletics, extracurricular activities, and clubs available at SHS. Come join us at 6:30PM that evening to learn how to get more involved at SHS!

Career Cruising

Have you logged onto your Career Cruising account lately? As we begin scheduling for the 2010-11 school year, you should research a variety of careers and save them on your account. This is a free college and career planning tool available to all students at SHS.

AP Exams

Students who are currently enrolled in an AP course are encouraged to take the culminating AP exam. The AP exams will be administered May 3 – May 14. Students who perform well enough have the opportunity to receive college credit or advanced placement at the college or university of their choice. Exam ordering information will be distributed to students at the end of February.

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ACT Testing

Shelbyville High School will be hosting the ACT on February 6 at 8AM. Students who missed the registration deadline may try to test as standby examinees. Standby examinees with completed registration packets will be admitted on a first-come basis as long as there is sufficient space and materials.

The next ACT is April 10, 2010 with a registration deadline of March 5. Please visit www.actstudent.org to register and find a test location. Fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who qualify.

SAT Testing

The next SAT is March 13 with a registration deadline of February 4. Visit www.collegeboard.com to register and find a testing location. Fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who qualify.

Shelbyville High School will be hosting the SAT on June 5 with a registration deadline of April 29. All college-bound juniors should plan on taking the SAT.